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CONCERNING THE LATE JUSTICE MILLER.

The late Justice MILLER of the Supreme Court was not a thrifty man. He died with a light purse in his pocket, and now says the New York Star, a somewhat painful problem presents itself in connection with his death, and that is: What is to become of his widow?

"She has," says the Star, "no son to support her. There are two married daughters, one widowed, and herself without adequate means of support. It is stated as a positive fact by those in a position to know that the wife of the great jurist, ALEXANDER LINCOLN'S friend, will either have to seek a boarding-house or rent or sell her homestead to make a living. Justice MILLER left no other property of any amount except his house on Massachusetts Avenue."

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ABROAD AND AT HOME.

The French are in a state of mind. Some of them want to retaliate upon the United States for the McKinley act, but can't see their way clear. The silk manufacturers of Lyons and the wine-growers of France generally deplore any attempt at retaliation for fear of losing the market they already have in the United States. The president of the Chamber of Commerce of Lyons pointed out that the adoption of a retaliatory policy toward Italy had already cost Lyons 7,500,000 francs, or about \$1,500,000, of business, which had gone to Germany and given that country an industrial supremacy in Italy at the expense of France.

He summed up the evil of the McKinley act when he said that under it the Americans wanted to export without import. This, of course, would be found to be impossible, but he would leave us to find it out, as we will inevitably do.

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BELFAST, IRELAND, manufacturers, in an attempt to beat the McKinley tariff, have run afoul of the local laws against "swearing." This is a case of jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

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Leveller Wall policy until it becomes necessary, but will risk his wrath and humble the whole slate down, as leaving one stone upon another. That is the danger of such drastic measures as the McKinley act. They prevent, they render impossible, anything like a gradual approach to a sound economic policy. They leave in their wake many consequences as harsh as themselves. In other words, while a few like Mr. McKinley, Tariff act will bring safety and rule to one class, the danger is that once the sufferers come in power they will go to the other way and bring suffering and ruin upon those who were benefited by the previous measures.

It would seem that the existence of certain Western railroads with the Union ought to teach the lesson here enounced. But it has not. The same party prefers to sow the wind, freely hoping to escape the inevitable and payment with wind.

IS PORTER TO BLAME?

In another column will be found an interview with Acting Superintendent of Census Office, in which he makes several statements that bear the evident impress of truth.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any fair man who has studied the subject that much unjust criticism has been bestowed upon Superintendent PORTER and the census work.

That there have been errors in enumeration is undoubtedly true, but that any attempt has been made to discredit the work or to manipulate the returns for partisan purposes we believe to be a charge without foundation. Politically we entirely disagree with Superintendent PORTER, but we know him to be men of too much honor and integrity to lend himself to any such base purposes.

We believe that the Eleventh Census will be the most complete ever taken, and that the faults and shortcomings of it will be attributed by all fair-minded persons to the defective law and not to the Census Office officials.

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